operation on 107.1 MHz and at Kottagudam in Andhra Pradesh operating on 100.1 MHz.

(c) Frequency modulated broadcasts can be heard over the radio sets which have F.M. Band.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the attached Annexure (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 179)

Drinking water to every village in the country

3185. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country without potable water as on 31st December, 1988;

(b) whether Government have any time-bound programme to supply potable water to every village in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) As on 31st December, 1988, there were 32,109 "No Source" problem villages in the country without safe drinking water facilities.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Except for about 4195 'No Source" Problem villages in the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya and Punjab, all the problem villages will be provided with safe drinking water facilities by the end of VIIth Five Year Plan.

Price and distribution controls on Steel

3186. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering partially lifting the existing price and distribution control on Steel;

(b) if so, by when the decontrol in phased manner will be given effect to;

(c) whether any instructions have been issued by Government to prepare base paper; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR) (a) There is no statutory price/distribution control on steel. The Joint Plant Committee (JPC) comprising the main steel producers and the Railways, the Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel as Chairman, which is a body set up under the Iron and Steel (Control) Order, 1956, revises the prices. These prices are determined keeping in view increases in input costs and levies from time to time, JPC also lays down guidelines to ensure distribution of steel to the priority sector as also the compact group of industries.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Abuse and Torture of Maids of Indian Origin in Gulf countries

3187. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports